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## Buffalo Mountain Co-op Weighing Purchase of Hardwick Village Market



visualization via Buffalo Mountain Co-op

A rendering in the fall "Bullshead" newsletter of the rebranded Village Market

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – The Buffalo Mountain Food Co-op (BMFC) member board has made an offer to purchase the Village Market “building, its inventory and equipment, and the adjoining green space and parking area,” according to its Fall 2021 informational newsletter.

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### Some Residents Express Concern Over Possible Co-op Purchase

HARDWICK – Some residents have expressed concern over the impact on village residents should the

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## Plainfield Outbreak Continues, COVID Picture Gets Muddier

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER – An August 26 Plainfield wedding, followed by a secondary outbreak at a day-care center, was the epicenter of a COVID outbreak that began with three cases in three towns from central Vermont to Chittenden County.

As of 7 September, the outbreak had spread to 65 people, largely in the Plainfield-Barre-Marshfield area. The Department of Financial Regulation (DFR) map showed a circle of spread from Plainfield north into Hardwick, east into Peacham/Groton, west into Moretown, and south into Williamstown and Washington. A related cluster centered around Eden, Lowell, Hyde Park, and Johnson, with two other smaller clusters around Burlington

and its suburbs.

Twinfield Union Principal Mark Mooney said, “We have felt the impact of the community wedding. We had to send home half of our second grade, kindergarten and sixth grade. K, 2 and 6 students returned to campus today. We have not had any person-to-person spread in school. We have had a few other students who did not start school until this week due to their connection to the wedding. We are hopeful things will calm down at school, but the virus is very present in our community.”

### Cases in Local Schools Remain Low

Unrelated to that outbreak, the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) emailed that

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courtesy East Calais Community Trust/R. Edwards & Co.

Architect R. Edwards & Co. has created this renderings for what the fully realized renovation of the East Calais Store might look like.

## East Calais Store to Receive \$383,000 Grant

by Doug McClure

EAST CALAIS – On September 2, Governor Phil Scott announced over \$13 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to be awarded statewide.

The grants are funded through the Vermont Community Development Program, which is a part of the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. One recipient is the non-profit East Calais

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## Wolcott Hosts Community Information Event



photo by Doug McClure

(Left to right) Elliott Bjerke, Junior Firefighter Bailey Shepard, and Chief Jim Holton of the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department cook for a hungry crowd.

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – Last Friday, the Wolcott Select Board hosted a community event to inform its residents about multiple projects the board has researched over the past months.

Members of the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department grilled burgers (both real and veggie) and hot dogs for the crowd. Tomatoes from the just-started community garden were on hand to go with the burgers.

Select board chair Linda Martin said it was estimated about 110 people turned out. She said, “I was thrilled with the turn out. Everyone kept saying thank you for holding the event and we need to do it every year. Thank you to

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photo by Doug McClure

Children made, or attempted to make, balloon animals at last Friday's community event in Wolcott. In the background is Town Clerk Belinda Clegg.



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Purchase

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The estimated budget is \$1 million. Village Market owners Guy and Pamela Trag plan to retire, which is their reason for wanting to sell the store. BMFC Board President Annie Gaillard clarified in the newsletter that “this does not mean we are definitely relocating. A crucial step in the purchasing process includes receiving approval from our Member-Owners.”

BMFC is planning a blend of its own products with products from the Village Market should the deal go through. General Manager Emily Hershberger said, “We will sell Village Market products in addition to co-op products. We want to become a one-stop-shop for the whole community. We won’t have infinite space, but we do have more space there [for mixed products].”

She said it was far too early to be specific about what that would end up looking like, but said, for the Village Market products, “our goal is to keep the prices as close to current prices as possible.”

A mixed product line that would include non-organic products is not unusual for co-ops, according to Hershberger, but the newsletter acknowledges that it would be “changing the co-op’s identity.”

Beyond mixing the products, the plan requires the co-op to be a market that serves the whole community, which is a question of culture, as well as product selection and pricing. Hershberger said, “Our goal is to be a community market for the whole community. In order to do that, we need to mix both our staffs, and find a way to blend our cultures right. One way to blend the cultures and get to know folks is [to have] a staff meeting with their staff on Saturday. At that point, they’ll get to know me, some board members, some other staff members. [We want] to get that communication going to their employees and staff because we want to have good relationships with them.”

A question still too soon to answer is what “blending” the staff would look like. The Village Market employs multiple Hazen students and recent graduates. Hershberger said, “we can’t promise anyone a job right now, because we don’t have member approval. I don’t believe we have any Hazen kids right now, but we have had Hazen kids before.”

The co-op sees new opportunities in purchasing the Village Market. Among these are the additional shelf space, allowing for more local products, and that the

Village Market is set up for meat processing, which could give local farmers access to a larger market. The newsletter also describes the potential for community gathering spaces, as well as frontage on the Lamoille River which would be “suited for a community market-place and seating area.” The current location is not ADA-compliant and relocating to the Village Market building would solve that problem.

The co-op had been exploring numerous alternatives after receiving general member support last year. Beyond the constraints of physical space, a problem for the current location is parking. Buying the Village Market would solve that problem, as well.

The limited space in the current co-op space means that truck deliveries are made frequently. In the newsletter, the co-op notes that “our deliveries disrupt downtown traffic” and that the Village Market building is better designed to handle deliveries.

The co-op also believes that a larger store would offer more resilience. The board hired Massachusetts-based Cooperative Development Institute (CDI) for both a market study and a financial feasibility study, which provided projections and modeling. The co-op believes that a larger, mixed product line would provide opportunities for savings that could be passed along to consumers and also “could make us more stable in the event of an economic downturn.” Its current location is impacted by deferred maintenance and “there isn’t currently much room to grow our sales, though expenses continue to rise.”

According to the projections, the co-op will need to “nearly double” its revenue in the next five years if it moves to the Village Market building. With the larger product offering, revenue increases are expected to get the co-op “to return to a healthy level of operation after the major transition.” CDI summarized its financial analysis with, “The Co-op’s move to the HVM location appears financially reasonable and a healthy improvement for the Co-op and the community.”

The co-op will host two informational sessions to get public feedback. The first community meeting is this Sunday, September 19, at 4 p.m. at Atkins Field, and the second is on Monday, September 27, at 6 p.m. The co-op’s annual meeting will be on October 10, with two weeks of members voting by Australian ballot on the proposed purchase. A final announcement is slated for November 1.



September 15 - September 21

Meat Dept.

Pork Tenderloin - \$3.09 lb.

Boars Head Maple

Honey Turkey - \$7.99 lb.

Lacrosse

Footwear

Back in Stock

<div>Dare</div> <div>Cookies</div> <div>2/\$5 10.2 oz.</div>	<div>Folgers</div> <div>Ground Coffee</div> <div>2/\$6 10.3-11.3 oz.</div>	<div>G.M. Golden Grahams,</div> <div>Coco Puffs or Trix Cereal</div> <div>2/\$5 10.4-11.2 oz.</div>
<div>Post Honey</div> <div>Bunches of Oats</div> <div>2/\$4 13-14.5 oz.</div>	<div>El Paso</div> <div>Refried Beans</div> <div>4/\$5 16 oz.</div>	<div>El Paso Taco or</div> <div>Fajita Kits</div> <div>2/\$5 8.8-12.5 oz.</div>
<div>Skippy</div> <div>Peanut Butter</div> <div>2/\$4 15-16.3 oz.</div>	<div>Prince</div> <div>Pasta</div> <div>89¢ 12-16 oz.</div>	<div>Ragu</div> <div>Pasta Sauce</div> <div>2/\$4 23.9-24 oz.</div>
<div>Near East</div> <div>Side Dishes</div> <div>2/\$3 5.25-10 oz.</div>	<div>Full Circle</div> <div>Beans</div> <div>99¢ 15.5 oz.</div>	<div>Keebler</div> <div>Fudge Cookies</div> <div>\$2.99 8.5-12 oz.</div>
<div>Nabisco</div> <div>Ritz Crackers</div> <div>2/\$5 12.9-13.7 oz.</div>	<div>Northern 6 Mega Roll Ultra</div> <div>Plush Bathroom Tissue</div> <div>\$7.99 179-207.7 s.f.</div>	<div>Dawn Ultra</div> <div>Dish Liquid</div> <div>\$3.99 28 oz.</div>
<div>Dragone</div> <div>Ricotta</div> <div>\$3.99 32 oz.</div>	<div>Green Mt.</div> <div>Greek Yogurt</div> <div>5/\$5 5.3 oz.</div>	<div>Breyers</div> <div>Ice Cream</div> <div>\$3.49 48 oz.</div>
<div>Cara Cara</div> <div>Navel Oranges</div> <div>\$5.99 3 lb.</div>	<div>Samoons Calif. Red</div> <div>Seedless Grapes</div> <div>\$1.59 lb.</div>	<div>Del Fresco Seedless</div> <div>Cucumbers</div> <div>89¢ ea.</div>

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# POLICE REPORT

## Media Log Summary

### Hardwick Police

August 30: 911 Hangup, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 16; Traffic Hazard, Vermont Ave.; Theft, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Direct Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Direct Patrol, Upper Cherry St.

August 31: Assault; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Spruce Dr.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mill St.

September 1: Traffic Hazard, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Ward Hill Rd.; Threat/Harassment, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Assist – Public, Hillside St.; VIN Verification, Hopkins Hill Rd.; 911 Hangup, Mackville Rd.; Assist – Agency, E. Church St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Motor Vehicle Complaint, S. Main St.; Citizen Dispute, Benway Dr.; Directed Patrol, Riverside Terrace.

September 2: Directed

Patrol, Ward Hill Rd.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Assist – Agency, Houston Hill Rd.; Welfare Check, S. Main St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, Woodbury St.; Theft, N. Main St.; Directed patrol, Upper Cherry St.; Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 15 E; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16.

September 3: Suspicious Event, E. Church St.; Suspicious Event, E. Church St.; Suspicious Event, Ward Hill Rd.; Suspicious Event, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16; Assist – Public, Hopkins Hill Rd.

September 4: Suspicious event, Terrace Hill Rd.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mill St.

September 5: Theft, Cedar St.; Theft, Granite St.; Suspicious Event, Donovan Ln.; Missing Person, Lamoille Ave.; Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.

### Hardwick Police

## Disturbing the Peace

On August 22, at 7:47 p.m., Zachary LaPoint, of Montpelier, was cited by Montpelier Police Department for Disturbing the Peace by use of Telephone. The incident happened at 10 Swallow Hill Dr., Hardwick.

This report is based on information provided by the Hardwick Police Department but is not a full accounting of police activity. Persons named in this report are presumed to be innocent unless they plead or are found guilty in court.

### State Police Report

## DUI, Drug Investigation

On September 9, at approximately 2:42 p.m., Troopers from the Vermont State Police – Derby Barracks responded to a report of a one-vehicle rollover crash with the occupant entrapped. The operator was identified as Edmund Ryan, of Albany, who was subsequently transported to North Country Hospital to be treated for his injuries. Investigation revealed that Ryan was operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Ryan was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI and transported to the Derby Barracks for processing. Ryan was subsequently released on citation to appear in Orleans County District Court on October 26 at 10 a.m. to answer for the charge of DUI – Refusal.

Multiple local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies

executed a search warrant as part of a drug investigation early Friday morning, Sept. 10 in the town of Stannard. Agencies that participated included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Vermont State Police, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Newport Police Department. The investigation into this mater remains active and under seal. Further details are expected to become available this week. Investigators do not believe there is any danger to the public.

This report is based on information provided by the Vermont State Police but is not a full accounting of police activity. Persons named in this report are presumed to be innocent unless they plead or are found guilty in court.

## AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served eight survivors of domestic and sexual violence from August 29 through September 5 and eight survivors from September 5 through September 12. AWARE is a nonprofit organization,

established in 1984, dedicated to resolving the causes and effects of domestic violence and sexual assault in the greater Hardwick area.

The 24-hour hotline is 802-472-6463.

## Concern

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Buffalo Mountain Co-op buy the Village Market, a plan announced by the co-op board.

A part of that concern is economics.

Hardwick’s demographics, according to the census, show that 63% of households earn less than \$50,000 per year, which is two-thirds the state average. Nearly a fifth of Hardwick’s residents live below the poverty line, and nearly a fifth were eligible for SNAP Benefits (food stamps) in the years 2009-2013, according to data from the University of Vermont. Department for Children and Families data indicates that the average monthly allotment for SNAP benefits is \$235 per household, and \$163 for seniors living alone.

The co-op said in its informational newsletter that it had hired the Massachusetts-based Cooperative Development Institute to “do a market and financial feasibility study” and a survey. According to the newsletter, the survey found that over 200 of those surveyed felt its prices were “satisfactory,” a far larger number than rated the prices “poor.”

The newsletter notes that “we purchase less from our distributors than larger stores nearby, so our prices are less competitive.” At a larger store, “selling more goods will get us better prices from our distributors, passing on savings to shoppers.”

Some residents expressed concerns over the proposed acquisition of the Village Market.

Resident Timothy Thompson is on disability and SNAP. He said that many people he knows are in the same situation. “I can afford coffee in the Co-op,” he said, “and they’ve got good coffee. But that’s about it. I can’t afford eight dollar bread. Plus, they don’t have things like cans of tuna and stuff like that you just need to make it through the month. I was hoping if they did move in there, they’d keep a store brand, some inexpensive stuff like normal bread, and maybe some frozen items they wouldn’t normally carry. But if it all just goes co-op and bulk foods, no way I can afford that on foodstamps and disability. It’s just not possible.”

As for going to Tops Friendly Markets on Wolcott Street, Thompson said he does not drive, and many people he knows who live in the village do not, either.

“I have friends who can give me a ride once in a while, but not everyone’s in that situation.”

He said cost was not the only factor that might dissuade village residents from shopping at the co-op. “Some people find the co-op very scary, because of cultural

differences, let me say. I understand some of those cultural differences, and I like the people at the co-op. But it can be imposing for someone who’s [different]. I’ve felt a little looked at poorly, or looked at in a non-friendly manner, I guess you could say. I don’t think that’s really what they’re trying to go for, but they just don’t know who I am.”

Resident Teresa Nielsen’s grandson Tyler King lives with her, and between his salary and her fixed income, the two need to budget their food. She went to both the co-op and the Village Market with \$20 to spend for their macaroni and cheese dinner.

“I went to the co-op, and I don’t know how anybody can afford to shop there. A small block of cheese costs over \$5, when I can go to the Village Market and pay \$3 for the exact same thing.”

She said beyond the prices, the type of food would not be a big success in their household.

“It’s basically all organic, and the prices, I mean, even for a bag of chips, I think it was like six-something [dollars] a bag.”

Nielsen said attempting to shop at the co-op would “definitely not” be sustainable. “There’s no way I would be able to afford to even buy meals for a week down there on my fixed income.”

She has a car, and shops at both Tops and the Village Market, though she likes how much closer the Village Market is.

One obstacle to her at the co-op was she said many items were not priced.

“I’d like to buy my spices there, but my problem is, they’re not priced on how much it is. I don’t want to get to the register and have it cost me an arm and a leg.”

She also was not thrilled with the bulk items at the co-op that allow customers to fill bags with however much they need of various items.

“I don’t like that, because you don’t know if anybody’s had their hands in it. Some little kid walking by and they reach in it with their hands. That’s my biggest thing is, I don’t know who’s touched it, because I can pretty much guarantee somebody has put their hands in that macaroni.”

Like Thompson, she said she felt uncomfortable shopping in the co-op.

“I felt like I was being watched constantly. It’s not a comfortable experience.”

The co-op will host two informational sessions to get public feedback on the planned purchase of the Village Market. The first community meeting is this Sunday, September 19, at 4 p.m. at Atkins Field, and the second is on Monday, September 27, at 6 p.m.



## Grant

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Community Trust (ECCT), which is working to bring the shuttered East Calais store back to life. The ECCT received a \$383,000 CDBG.

The goals of the ECCT, according to its informational brochure, are renovating the building “so that a general store can once again meet the needs of the community for the next 100 years,” as well as the three apartments for “much-needed affordable housing,” and ensuring the building “continues to serve as a place that brings the community together.” As with other similar projects, such as the Albany store, the ECCT will not operate the store, but contract with a store operator who “will be solely responsible for deciding how to run a successful store.”

ECCT Treasurer and founding board member Janice Ohlsson said that the ECCT has just launched a

fall fundraising campaign to bring in the final \$300,000 that is needed for work to begin.

She said, “We have raised, between grants and community donations, a little over a million dollars, with construction and development costs grossly estimated to be around \$1.5 million. We are starting a fall fund-raising campaign to help us fill the gap, so construction can begin late in 2021 or early 2022.”

Ohlsson said that the ECCT has already signed contracts with East Calais architect R. Edwards & Co. and Barre-based contractor E.F.Wall & Associates, Inc.

The ECCT said the \$1.5 million cost of the overall project is in line with similar projects, such as the Albany General Store (around \$800,000 for a new building) and the Currier Store (a \$1 million renovation). Beyond the scale of the work necessary due to the building’s 5,300 square feet of

space, the project also must meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, lead hazard mitigation, and historic preservation requirements. Because the apartments in the finished building are affordable housing, the ECCT must bring them up to Section 8 requirements with one being ADA-compliant. East Calais village is listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places and the store is listed as a contributing resource, so the work must adhere to National Park Service standards for historic buildings.

The future store will not have gas tanks. One precipitating factor of the store’s closure in December 2019 was that the state was requiring its owner to replace the fuel tanks, which was prohibitively expensive. The ECCT said, “our research concluded that the financial return on the sale of gas for the store operator is minimal

and will not contribute significantly to the long-term viability of the store.” An above-ground tank behind the store for ethanol-free gas at some point in the future has not been ruled out, which the ECCT said “would be useful for generators, mowers, snowmobiles, etc.”

There has always been a general store in the building since the 1850s, often sharing the two-story structure with other stores and apartments. Over the years, the building has also housed a town library, a milliner, the Good Templars’ Lodge Hall, a garage, and apartments, according to the ECCT.

The ECCT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so donations should be tax-deductible. To donate, visit [bit.ly/eastcalais](http://bit.ly/eastcalais) or mail checks to East Calais Community Trust (ECCT) at P.O. Box 14, East Calais, Vermont 05650. For more information, visit [bit.ly/ecctrust](http://bit.ly/ecctrust).

## Event

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everyone who worked and donated to make this event a success.”

The crowd ranged from the youngest to the oldest, with lots of kids making balloon animals as their parents perused the educational information on multiple projects the select board had researched. The topics included the proposed town forest, broadband, the community garden, and wastewater. Wolcott Elementary School was on hand, with principal Matt Foster ready to answer any questions parents had. The library also opened its doors so the public could see first-hand how it was filling out its new location in the Depot.

The subjects that seemed to be the biggest draws (besides the food) the board’s research into broadband and the town forest. Wolcott has neither of those things at this time.

The town recently joined forces with two Communications Unions Districts (CUDs) with the goal of getting broadband to town residents who currently rely on slow and unreliable DSL service, at best. Since Wolcott is located on a boundary between

two CUDs, Lamoille Fibernet and NEK Community Broadband, it has joined both. Former board member Michael Davidson is the town’s alternate representative to Lamoille Fibernet and was on hand to answer questions at the event. There was typically a line waiting to speak with Davidson.

Project Manager Kate Wanner of the Vermont Trust for Public Land was at the event to field questions about the proposed Wolcott Town Forest and also drew large crowds. She had set up multiple displays and had information for residents to take with them about the potential benefits the town could realize from spending \$25,000 on a town forest.

Residents also treated the educational event as a rare social opportunity in COVID times, and the weather cooperated with a beautiful early fall evening and dry skies. The majority of those in attendance were younger than typically seen the few times people attend select board meetings, and more in line with those the Census found to be the median age range of 38-40.

Martin said at the event that she was very pleased to see the “positivity” of the atmosphere.

## Outbreak

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it had found two positive cases “in the Craftsbury schools community,” but said: “We’ve identified no close contacts.”

As of the September 12 state report, one new case was reported in the Cabot School system.

Statewide, Vermont reported 78 new cases in schools in the seven days up to September 12, bringing the total number of school cases reported to 159 in the two weeks since schools opened.

**Cases Climb, State Data Subject to Change**

With the exception of Plainfield and Marshfield, towns in our coverage area continued to see small increases in the number of cases week-to-week. In the rest of the state, the number of cases is increasing rapidly.

Since at least the start of September, Vermont has been reporting one case count on the COVID dashboard and then revising it upward a day later, sometimes again even later, in the state’s data portal, which is separate from the widely publicized “COVID-19 dashboard.”

On September 4, the initial count was 54, which was a day later revised up to 104 and later to 112. The following day’s count increased from 78 to 158.

**COVID Cases in Young People Surge, Vaccination Lags**

As of September 2, Vermont

was first-in-the-nation in the percentage of COVID cases in children. According to the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP), as of September 9, 22.9% of total COVID cases in Vermont — 6,783 to be exact — have been in kids nineteen years of age or younger. In the one week between its September 2 and September 9 report, the period when schools first opened in Vermont, the AAP showed an increase of 258 cases in kids 0-19.

As of September 14, 51% of people ages 12-17 in Orleans County had received at least one dose of the vaccine. In Caledonia County, 60% of kids 12-15 have, and 69% for those 16-17 have.

According to CDC data, just over half of the eligible population in Caledonia and Orleans County is fully vaccinated. Between both counties, nearly 7,000 children under the age of twelve are too young to receive the vaccine, according to Census data.

### Mask Recommendation Extended

At last Wednesday’s meeting, Governor Phil Scott’s administration changed course on its original 10-day masking recommendation for students twelve and over. In-school masking is now recommended for all students through October 4.

Both the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) and Caledonia Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) had already instituted universal masking from the outset.

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courtesy photo  
The Morrill culvert in Walden will be the subject of a video proposed by Roy MacNeil that will be presented on Hardwick Community TV.

## HCTV Community Creators Fund Videos Now in Production

HARDWICK – In June 2021, Hardwick Community Television put out a call for proposals of new video work to be supported by the HCTV Community Creators Fund. In July, a committee of HCTV board members and staff reviewed the nine proposals submitted. Four projects were awarded support and are slated to be produced by the spring.

Each of the four videos in production will contribute to the understanding of the community’s agricultural, historical, and arts offerings. In addition to broadcasting and streaming the finished videos, HCTV plans to host a public screening event in 2022.

“Tell Me a River”, by Meredith Holch seeks to piece together a history of the Lamoille River where it cuts through the village of East Hardwick. Back in the 1800s and early 1900s, village life centered around the mills that lined the river just south of the bridge. Handmade stop-motion animated sequences created from old photos and documents will bring the story to life. Interviews with East Hardwickians who grew up along the river and still remember stories that have been passed down from generation to generation will provide the narration.

“At Home with the Maestro”

is the pilot episode of a proposed series in which Rip Keller of Walden and Megan Henderson of Boston explore music and art as responses to the eternal human question, “how can we live the best life possible during the time we have on this earth?” Both Keller and Henderson have conducted, played, and sung in Vermont, as well as elsewhere in the Americas.

“A Complete Day in the Life of Center for an Agricultural Economy” by Elizabeth Rossano presents an organization that works to build a regenerative, just, locally-based, and healthy food system that creates socially thriving and economically viable rural communities. This film will showcase Hardwick area’s diverse and dynamic local food system and illustrate its importance through the lens of CAE’s programs that range from hyper-local to statewide and even regional, but all of them are based on the interconnect-edness of community, land, and local economy.

Roy MacNeil’s video will pay tribute to one of the most magnificent, yet unknown structures in the area. 150 years after it was made. The Morrill culvert is a grand structure of epic proportions, improbably tucked away in the woods of Walden.



courtesy photo  
Elizabeth Rossano has proposed at video of “A Complete Day in the Life of Center for an Agricultural Economy” to be presented on Hardwick Community TV in 2022.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Flags fly at half staff Sept. 11 in Memorial Park in Hardwick to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93. Two thousand nine hundred seventy-seven people were killed, and more than 6,000 others were injured during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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# Annual Cabot Ride the Ridges



Holly Miller of Jefferson and Kate Barash-Engel of Burlington begin their 100k (63 miles) ride with 7500 feet of elevation gain in the 8th Annual Ride the Ridges in Cabot Sept. 12. Because of an abundance of caution due to COVID there were no mass starts this year, just staggered starts.




Henry Sipples (left) of St. Johnsbury and Thor Magnus (right) of Peacham are ready to start the 8th Annual Cabot Ride the Ridges 60K (36 miles) ride Sunday. The ride includes 5,000 feet of elevation gain.

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Vanessa Fournier



Stephen Brown (left) of Montpelier registers for the 8th Annual Cabot Ride the Ridges held Sept. 12. Volunteer coordinators Ry Hoffman (center) and Taeryn Robbins (right) sign people in. One hundred seventy people participated riding in one of the four different routes offered. All proceeds benefit the Cabot Connects Mentoring Program. Due to COVID restrictions, there were no mass starts this year, just staggered starts.

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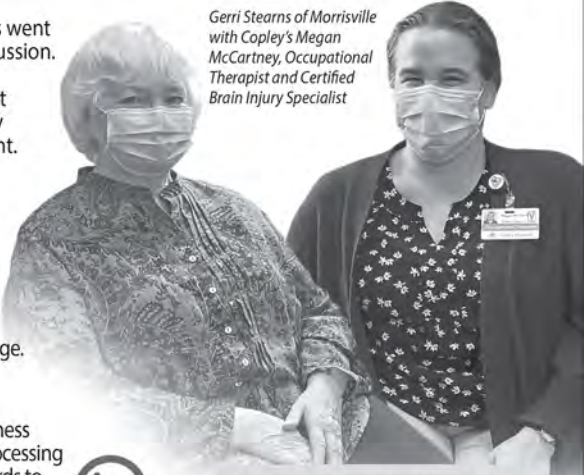
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# New School Staff

Right: New staff at Woodbury School are (from left to right): Lisa McCarthy, Principal; Sydney Hayden, paraeducator; Lindsey Benton, grade 5-6 teacher; Aimee Vient, drama; Amber Fecteau, grade 1-2 teacher. Missing from the photo: Mark Smith, physical education; Dawn Bregoli, school nurse; Marjorie Goodstone, school counselor.



New staff at Lakeview School (front row, left to right): Lisa McCarthy, Principal; Deena Tarleton, K-1 long-term substitute; Dawn Bregoli, school nurse; Tonya Ewen, paraeducator. Back row (left to right): Aimee Harnden-McPhee, reading and math interventionist; Aimee Vient, drama; Kim Beckley, grade 3-4 teacher; Brittany Camp, paraeducator. Missing from the photo: Marjorie Goodstone, school counselor; Mark Smith, physical education; and David Brochu, maintenance director.

Photos  
by  
Vanessa  
Fournier



New staff at Craftsbury Schools (front row, left to right): Danielle Smith, work-based learning coordinator/student support staff; Hallie Grossman, long-term substitute; Lisa Levangie, K-8 literacy coach; Amy Williams, middle school (6-8) special education. Middle row (left to right): Jennifer Olsen, school nurse; Jane Corazzelli, middle school instructional support; Nancy Van Winkle, middle school math teacher. Back row (left to right): Joseph Smith, K-12 art teacher; William "Chris" Baggett, high school English teacher; Kasey Greene, student support staff. Missing from the photo: Terry Tuthill, long-term substitute; Francinne Valcour, K-5 special education; Joseph Donna, part-time custodian.





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New staff at Wolcott School include David Jourdan (left), chef, and Mark Smith (right), physical education. Missing from the photo: Aimee Vient, drama, and Tim Davis, nurse.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
New staff at Walden School are (front row): Catrina Koch (left), paraeducator, and Victoria Foster (right), administrative assistant. Back row (left to right): Anthony Fontana, Principal; Winona Johnson, middle level English language arts; Michael Erickson, music.



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# NEK Broadband Selects Operating Partners

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – NEK Broadband has selected partners to build and operate a fiber optic broadband network in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom. The project will deliver high-speed internet to Northeast Kingdom residents and businesses.

At a NEK Broadband meeting on September 9, the Communications Union District (CUD), made up of 45 member towns, approved a joint partnership with Mission Broadband, the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), and Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT).

This partnership will bring high-speed fiber-optic internet service to unserved and under-served addresses (with access to less than 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload internet speeds) in Essex, Caledonia and Orleans counties. The new partners bring experience building and operating rural fiber-optic internet networks.

NEK Broadband plans to build a fiber-optic network that can deliver internet service speeds up to a gigabit per second to approximately 20,000 underserved households. This requires construction of more than 2,500 miles of fiber-optic cable. Although the goal is to complete the project in five years, there are many variables, such as availability of materials and skilled labor, that are beyond local control, and it could take up to seven years to complete. New service is expected to be available in some areas by the end of 2022. The partners will leverage state and federal grant funding available to communication union districts for internet improvement projects.

“Creating a universally available, fast, reliable and affordable internet option as soon as we can is critical to meeting the economic, educational, health and social needs of our residents and businesses,” said Christa Shute, NEK Broadband’s interim executive director.

“This partnership brings real-life expertise and commitment to the development of public fiber infrastructure by combining our local resources with a third-generation, family-owned Vermont internet service provider and a telecom cooperative with national reach,” Shute added.

The three chosen partners jointly submitted one of seven responses to NEK Broadband’s request for partnership released in June. The process of doing interviews and related fact-finding was performed by a subcommittee of

NEK Broadband governing board members.

According to Jim Rogers, president of Mission Broadband, “This project includes vast, rural, and difficult-to-serve counties. Our decades of experience working in Vermont, combined with the expertise of our partners and coordination with NEK communities, will ensure that we reach our common goal of bringing affordable and reliable internet service to all unserved and under-served areas.”

“NRTC is a member-owned cooperative, and this type of undertaking is what we are all about. We plan to leverage our considerable experience of building more than 40 broadband deployments and 100,000-plus miles of fiber in similar rural communities across the country,” said Jim DaBramo, president of NRTC Broadband Solutions.

Eric Haskin, president and CEO of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom stated, “We recognize the importance of this project. Our decades-long experience bringing fiber-optic internet to our own customers in Vermont will enable NEK Broadband to activate service to customers more quickly than would otherwise be possible.”

NEK Broadband is currently working through the details of planning, design, and engineering for various stages of the project. Building a fiber-optic network won’t happen overnight and takes a great deal of capital. The organization is actively applying for state and federal grants, having recently been awarded \$276,000 for pre-construction work.

The NEK Community Broadband Communications Union District (commonly referred to as NEK Broadband) is a not-for-profit municipal entity that is working towards making affordable, reliable internet service available to under-served households and businesses within member towns in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. NEK Broadband was officially formed in March of 2020, and now includes 45 member towns: Albany, Barnet, Barton, Brighton, Brown- ington, Brunswick, Burke, Canaan, Charleston, Concord, Coventry, Craftsbury, Danville, Derby, East Haven, Glover, Greensboro, Groton, Guildhall, Hardwick, Holland, Irasburg, Kirby, Lowell, Lyndon, Maidstone, Morgan, Newark, Newport City, Newport Town, Peacham, Ryegate, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Stannard, Sutton, Troy, United Towns of Gores, Walden, Waterford, Westfield, Westmore, Wheelock and Wolcott.



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Ryder Curavoo, Warren Hill, Natalie Hill, Bryce LaBerge, and Emma Rowell of the Caspian Critters 4-H Club of Greensboro, paint the mural at the swine and poultry barn at the Champlain Valley Exposition. The mural was designed by club member Emma Rowell.

## Greensboro 4-H Club Featured at Champlain Valley Exposition

by Nancy Hill

GREENSBORO – Emma Rowell of the Caspian Critters 4-H Club of Greensboro was asked to create a mural for the 2021 Fair in the swine/poultry barn at the Champlain Valley Exposition.

Before the fair opened, she sketched a design on the wall of the building and asked her fellow club members to join her in painting it. Each day at the fair an award is given to one person or group that goes “above and beyond” in their participation, and at the close of the fair on September 12, the fair director presented the “Star of the Day” award to the Caspian Critters club, with Rowell as the leader, on stage in front of an audience. The club won another award this past weekend at Orleans County Fair for going above and beyond to help others while at the fair.

The club members focus on cows and chickens, but they also tend to many other animals at home, including sheep, pigs, birds, horses and rabbits. They have traveled this year with their cows and chickens to local county fairs in Caledonia, Lamoille, and most recently the Orleans County Fair, where they also have their crafts on display in the floral hall. The coming weekend they

will attend the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass. (The Big E), where they will present demonstrations on how to make mozzarella cheese and butter.

Their community service is well known in Greensboro. For the past two years, they have provided holiday wreaths for town buildings, and previously they made holiday decorations for the Greensboro Lauredon Apartments. They have also made Valentine cards for the Greensboro Nursing Home, and this summer they shared their animals at story-time at the Greensboro Library. They also presented their club activities, including many award ribbons, at the Greensboro Historical Society summer exhibit.

Heather Lumsden leads the club, which was formed in 2018. The Caspian Critters continue a long history of 4-H clubs in Greensboro. Lewis Hill was the leader of the boys Caspian Lake Forestry 4-H club from 1946 until 1977. When that club celebrated its thirtieth anniversary in 1976, they had had 181 members. Other clubs flourished during that period: a dairy club led by Wayne Richardson, a woodworking club led by Henry Merrill, and at least one club for girls, the Red Clover Club, led by Dorothy Ling.



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# Wolcott Previews Proposed Community Forest

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – On Sunday, a group of roughly two dozen Wolcott residents braved drippy weather for, in the town’s words “a public site walk of the proposed Wolcott Community Forest” led by Vermont Trust for Public Land (TPL) Senior Project Manager Kate Wanner. Wolcott Select Board chair Linda Martin was also along for the tour.

The basic outlines are that for \$25,000 of town money, the Vermont Trust for Public Land will leverage state and federal programs to facilitate Wolcott creating a community forest. At present, the forest would have approximately 300 acres of land from two parcels the town would purchase, with a third parcel of another 300 acres being a possibility.

The tax impact on residents would be minimal. Much of the property is already under Vermont’s Current Use program. Wolcott estimates slightly over \$4,000 would come off of the town’s Grand List, reducing the total municipal property taxes Wolcott takes in by around \$3,000. The overall impact is expected to be an increase in adjacent property values, with the town noting in a FAQ, “The creation of open space has been clearly documented to increase resale values of homes adjacent to the conserved land.

“Property owners will benefit from higher property values when they sell their homes and the town will benefit from an increased tax base, over time. According to a 2001 survey by the National Association of REALTORS® by Public Opinion Strategies, 50 percent of respondents said they would pay 10 percent more for a house located near a park or open space. Lastly, a Community Forest with a trail network that connects to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail could attract new residents and new businesses.”

The town said the community forest would afford numerous educational and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. The 2018 Wolcott Town Plan recommends Wolcott “pursue the acquisition of land for a Town Forest.” The property is within walking distance from the village center, including the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). Part of it is directly adjacent to Wolcott Elementary School, and Principal Matt Foster has wanted to expand the opportunities for

Wolcott’s kids to learn in the outdoors.

Grant funding through Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative could be applied for to create a five-mile network of trails for walking, skiing, and snowshoeing. With the LVRT becoming more widely used, Wolcott could see economic development benefits from a community forest adjacent to it as multiple other towns have. One thought is that the community forest could prove a springboard for other economic development projects such as a proposed community septic infrastructure.

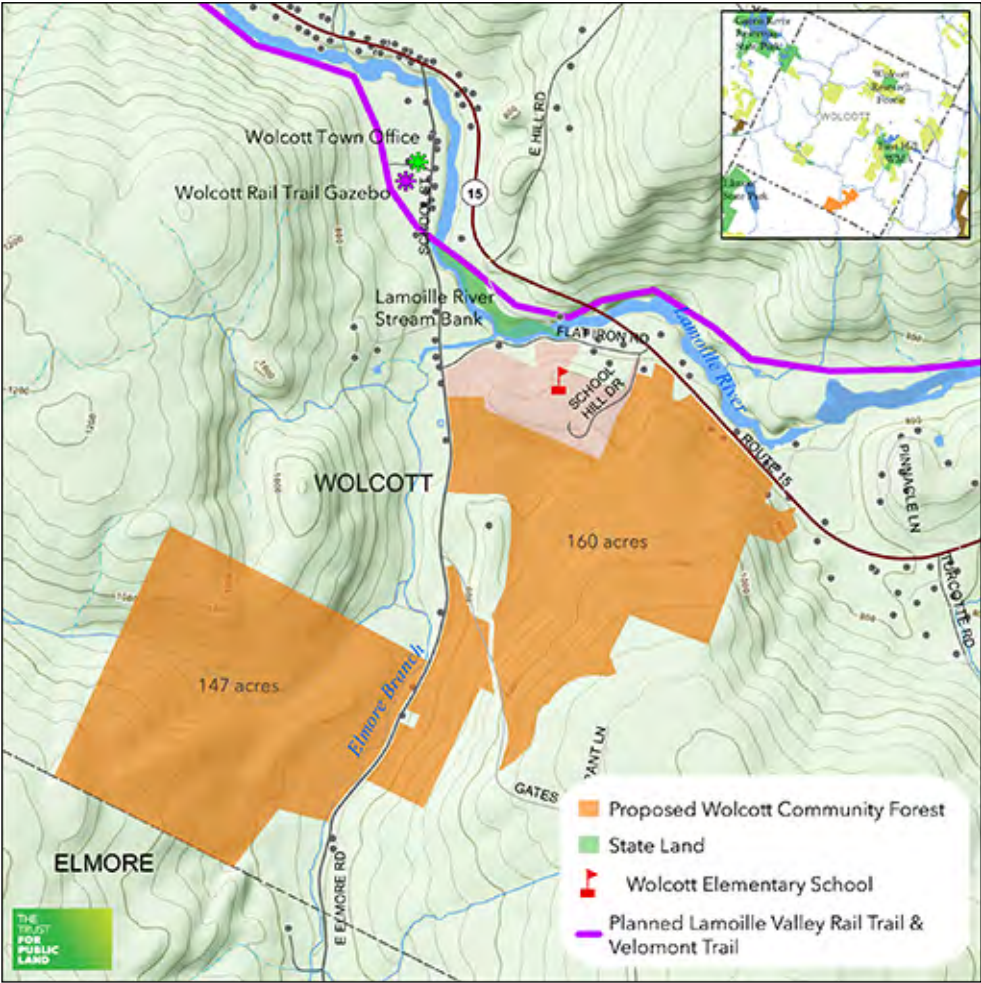
Other possible uses include logging on a remote parcel or hunting and fishing on that same parcel since it is distant enough from the school not to pose issues. The plans are fluid as to where additional parking may be put in since the school’s parking lot will only be sporadically available.

The property tour was not exactly one that could be described as “a walk in the park,” and only partly due to the weather. Decades ago, a resident had carved out some trails, which, combined with a disused Class IV road, legal trails, and old logging roads, formed the map for the tour. This first section showed off a “rare natural community” which is technically called “Lowland Spruce-Fir Forest (S3).” Wanner later said that this section is the largest in the forest, comprising 27 acres.

She said that ecologist Matt Peters had noted, “Current composition matches this type fairly well, but the hilltop landscape setting is atypical for the type and the dense, spruce-dominated stand may be a product of land use history and management...Regardless of its origins, this stand offers beautiful, dark conifer groves with a soft, mossy carpet and good condition logging tracks that would be excellent and scenic [for] all-season trails. Likely provides important deer wintering area.”

The entrance was not obvious. After climbing over a sizable natural wall of branches and leaves that was almost three feet high in places, walkers were greeted with a steep uphill climb on a narrow path more suited to goats.

The group quickly fanned out as the more athletic and energetic moved faster. That path then turned downhill sharply, flooded with ferns in places, and the problem in some parts became the soggy that



graphic via Vermont Trust for Public Land/Kate Wanner  
The current configuration of the proposed Wolcott Community Forest, showing where the land is in relation to the elementary school, Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, and proposed Velomont Trail.



photo by Doug McClure  
A group of around two dozen residents accompanied the Vermont Trust for Public Land’s Kate Wanner to explore the property that is proposed to be used for the Wolcott Community Forest during a property walk on Sunday. This part of the forest is behind Wolcott Elementary School.

sometimes made footing unsure. Wanner paused from time to time to allow the group to gather back together and give the walkers insight as to what was around them. A few of the people decided they’d received ample exercise for the day and turned back. Even just a few minutes in, there was no evidence that the group was less than a mile from Route 15. One property contains a private residence that will stay, but unless someone was looking for it, it was not very visible from the path.

A second goat path led to a disused Class IV road that is technically still a town road but

impassable. After that, walkers picked their way along the edge of a washout. A 1920s-era sedan, possibly a 1929 Pontiac or Oakland based on the unique oval rear window one walker noted, sat abandoned in the underbrush, its hood missing. Jokes were made about having discovered a secret road used by rumrunners during Prohibition. The walk continued, though the rain had gotten steadier and more had turned back for drier environs at home or to watch the game.

Even after an hour of walking, only the first of the two properties had been barely explored.



# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Community Visioning Circle on Sept. 23

GREENSBORO BEND – A community visioning circle will be held on September 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Wheelock Mountain Farm.

The community circle is open to all and will be facilitated by Ornella Matta-Figeroa, who leads workshops and facilitates discussions in Vermont and New York for beings of all ages, on returning

to wholeness, anti-racism, ego to eco, spirituality, decivilizing, and trauma related issues.

The group will meet outside or in a covered outdoor space. Wheelock Mountain Farm is located outside Greensboro Bend. For directions see [wheelockmt-nfarm.weebly.com](http://wheelockmt-nfarm.weebly.com), call 533.9929 or 533.2296, or email [wmf@riseup.net](mailto:wmf@riseup.net) for more information.

## Bears and Brews at the Fairbanks Museum on Oct. 2

ST. JOHNSBURY – The second annual brewfest at the Fairbanks Museum will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 3 to 7 p.m.

“Bears and Brews is a celebration of great flavors, innovative businesses, and the beauty of fall foliage in the Northeast Kingdom,” says Adam Kane, executive director.

The tasting event features 10 craft breweries in northern Vermont and New Hampshire, as well as poutine by Vulgar Display of Poutine and pretzels by Crumb Bum bakery, both based in Littleton, N.H. Live music by Trittium Well, Chickweed, and the Bald Mountain Boys will be played throughout the event.

“This event grew out of the tremendous interest from our visitors in knowing more about fermenting, foraging, and other aspects of cultivating unique flavors,” says Christopher Kurdek, one of the museum’s science educators and a part of the Eye on the Sky weather team. Kurdek helped organize the first brewfest at the museum in 2019, which featured a range of beers from small and micro brewers. “What’s unique and exciting about this event is the emphasis on science—we encourage brewers to come so they can explain the process. This helps visitors get a better sense of what they’re tasting. The conversations also lead to a richer appreciation of the process.”

“This is a small and intimate event, unlike most brewfests. Therefore, guests will be able to talk, spend time, and learn about some of the best beers in the region – and in the world – directly from the brewers themselves,” Kurdek points out. “The brewers are also very excited to be able to share and personally get to know the people who enjoy their beers.”

The brewfest took a break in 2020 because of COVID-19 concerns. This year, the tasting event will happen outdoors, and safety protocols will be in place.

“Our priorities are to ensure everyone enjoys themselves and to do everything we can to create a safe environment for our guests,” explains Allison Gulka-Millard, director of programs, who is organizing Bears and Brews. “We’re following the latest guidelines from the CDC and from the Vermont Department of Health.” Guests will be required to show proof of being vaccinated or a negative COVID-19 test result in the past 72 hours to enter the grounds. “We’ve been monitoring the situation in Vermont closely, and we’re keeping health and safety as a concern at all times.” Brewfest guests will also be able to tour the museum’s galleries and take in a planetarium show, setting this event apart from others: “How often do you get to savor a beer then stroll among towering bears and Victorian bird trees?”

The main attraction will be the flavors presented by master brewers. Bears and Brews features local favorites and award-winning beer from Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom and New Hampshire’s North Country, including Hill Farmstead Brewery (Greensboro), Schilling Beer Company (Littleton, N.H.), Red Barn Brewing (Danville), Whirligig Brewing (St. Johnsbury), Rek-lis Brewing Company (Bethlehem, N.H.), and Coos Brewing Company (Colebrook, N.H.). In addition, guests will be able to sample beers from Vermont-based brewers Wunderkammer Bier (Albany) Foam Brewers (Burlington), Frost Beer Works (Hinesburg,) and Tend Bends Beer (Hyde Park).

Each brewery will highlight their specialized flavors, processes, or ingredients, so guests get a sense of how each small batch is cultivated and what local elements ground the taste of the region.

Tickets are available online at [fairbanksmuseum.org](http://fairbanksmuseum.org) or at the Fairbanks Museum (1302 Main Street, St. Johnsbury). Quantities are limited.

## Author/Comedian to Present at Library

GREENSBORO – Elmore author Sandy Lee Manning will present her new spy thriller, “Nerve Attack,” at an outdoor program in the backyard tent of the Greensboro Free Library on Thursday, September 23 at 4 p.m.

Manning wrote short stories for many years during her career as a lawyer, and debuted her first spy thriller, “Trojan Horse,” in October 2020 at the age of 68. She took a class at the Vermont Comedy Club in 2019 and began another career writing and performing stand-up comedy.

“It’s a little confusing at times,” Manning admits. “Doing comedy takes a different mindset from writing thrillers. Every morning, I get up and have to decide whether to be funny or whether to torture people.”

## Grange Harvest Festival on Sept. 25

EAST HARDWICK – Caledonia Grange #9 will hold a harvest festival on Saturday Sept. 25th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the grange at 88 East Church Street in East Hardwick village.

There will be a free chili and cornbread lunch, make-your-own doughnuts, community apple cider pressing, music on the porch, and a carrot contest (prizes awarded

Manning’s first novel, “Trojan Horse,” won awards for best new voice among action-thriller and political novel writers. “Nerve Attack” is the sequel, and again features Russian-Jewish immigrant and former intelligence operative Kolya Petrov.

Manning will debut her new novel at an event called “When Comedy Kills” on September 22, in Burlington, featuring routines from a group of her stand-up comedy friends as well as a reading from the book. She will visit Greensboro the following day, September 23, to talk about her writing and her unique combination of interests in espionage and humor.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. This author talk is free and open to the public. For more information, call (802) 533-2531.

for biggest, funniest, and tastiest). Everyone is encouraged to bring apples, and a container to bring home cider.

Admission is free and the event will be held outside (under tents in the case of rain). Donations will be welcome to support future programming. For more information, go to [easthardwick-grange@gmail.com](mailto:easthardwick-grange@gmail.com) or call 472-8987.

## Painting Clay Cups on Sept. 25

GREENSBORO – A session to paint handmade clay cups will be held at the Greensboro Free Library on Saturday September 25, at 10 a.m.

Attendees will paint a handmade clay cup, wheel-thrown by local artist Emma Podolin. Colored slips and sgraffito, a carving technique, will be used to decorate the

surface of the cups, and Podolin will glaze and fire the cups to be food-safe. This event will be held outside in the library backyard under the tent. Adults and youth may participate in this hands-on program. Space is limited so pre-register at [greensborokids@gmail.com](mailto:greensborokids@gmail.com). A \$5 materials fee is requested.



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# OBITUARIES

## MAUDE-ALICE (MASON) BELLAVANCE

GREENSBORO – Maude Alice (Mason) Bellavance, 89, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at the Greensboro Nursing Home. Maude was born September 13, 1930, to Walter and Shirley Mason in Starksboro.

Maude is survived by her nephew Douglas Pickard, as well as her stepchildren Andre (and Amira) Bellavance, Annette (and Nathan) Foster, Denise (and Ron) Cato, Daniel (and Joanne) Bellavance, Philip Bellavance and Elaine Bellavance. Maude is survived by two sisters-in-law, Beatrice Lussier and Doris Dufresne. She was predeceased by

sisters-in-law Therese Dufresne, Jeanne d’Arc Dufresne, Alice Wheeler, and Gertrude Neill, and brothers-in-law, Alphonse, Arthur, Joseph, Francois “Frank”, Paul, Albert, and Laurent Bellavance.

Maude was predeceased by her husbands, George H. Loomis and Leon L. Bellavance, her parents, her sister and brother-in-law Patricia “Pat” and John Pickard, and brother Chase Mason. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, September 22, at 10 a.m., in Fairview Cemetery, Hardwick. Convey memories and condolences at dgfunerals.com.

## JAMES HERBERT WILEY

VANCOUVER, Wash. – James “Jim” H. Willey, 70, formerly of Hardwick, died on Saturday September 4, at the Ray Hickey hospice home in Vancouver, after a long battle with COPD.

Jim was born on June 19, 1951, to the late Harold and Elaine (Richardson) Willey. He attended school in Hardwick, Vt., graduating from Hardwick Academy in 1969.

After high school, he worked doing plumbing and heating for folks all over the Hardwick area, taking over his father’s business in 1973. In 1991, he moved to the Southwest to escape the bitter cold of the Northeast.

From here, he ended up in the Pacific Northwest, where he spent the last 25 years. During this time, he met his partner of 19 years, Susan, and worked for Frito-Lay. He also discovered his love for the game of golf. With his health declining, he retired from making potato chips and spent time tending his terrace garden, watching westerns and sports, doing crossword puzzles, and cooking. Jim

was well known for living life to the fullest. He had an infectious laugh and a twinkle in his eye.

He is survived by his partner, Susan Music, and her sons, Jonathan and Jeremiah of Vancouver; his daughters, Jennifer Skorstad and husband, Nathan of Wolcott. Vt., and Sara Perry and husband, Jeff of Wheelock, Vt., and their mother, Linda Davis-Murray of Walden, Vt.; his brothers, Lewis Willey and wife, Terry of Dunnellon, Fla., and Harold ‘Harry’ Willey of Barnet, Vt.; his sisters, Lorraine Perrault and husband, Michael of Barre, Vt. Pamela Celley and husband, Willis of Plainfield, Vt., and Gail Rogers of Barre, Vt.; his grandchildren, Sadie and Owen Skorstad and Kyle and Jeffrey Perry; his former partner, Susan Sanders of Jeffersonville and her son, Jeremy Sicily of Cambridge; and many nieces and nephews.

Per Jim’s request there will be no service. Any special memories may be sent to [njskorstad@gmail.com](mailto:njskorstad@gmail.com) or 653 Simmons Rd. Hardwick, VT 05843.

## DANA PHILLIP BELLAVANCE

FRANKLIN, N.C. – Dana Phillip Bellavance, 60, of Franklin passed away Saturday, September 4. Dana was preceded in death by his fathers, Hollis Williams and Paul Bellavance.

He graduated from New Hampshire Technical Vocational College with an associate degree in Mechanical Drafting. Dana was also the former owner of the Franklin Billiard Club. Dana worked for Architectural Visions Inc. for many years as a territory sales representative.

Dana is survived by his wife, Charlene, children Lydia Marie and Nicholas Ray, all of Franklin; his mother, Mary Jo Wilcox Williams; sisters Carol Charbonneau, Cynthia Williams, both of Florida; brothers David Bellavance of Florida, and Dwayne Williams of Vermont; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Wednesday September 8, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home. Due to COVID restrictions the visitation will be drive-through only.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for immediate family



Dana Phillip Bellavance

Thursday September 9, at 11 a.m., at the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home.

The service will be live streamed on Zoom.com and the link and online condolences can be accessed at [maconfuneralhome.com](http://maconfuneralhome.com).

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# THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

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## Friday, September 17

**EVERYONE EATS PROGRAM,** free frozen meal, Fridays, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wolcott United Methodist Church, 4023 Vt. Rt. 15. No pre-registration needed. Information: [ereid@capstonevt.org](mailto:ereid@capstonevt.org).

## Saturday, September 18

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## Monday, September 20

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due by Sunday evenings. Email responses to [AmericorpsVista@WonderArtsVT.org](mailto:AmericorpsVista@WonderArtsVT.org).

**THE DADS’ GROUP,** every Monday, 5-6 p.m., at the Oxbow in Morrisville. A great place to connect with other Dads. Information: Rob at [rcary@LRCVT.org](mailto:rcary@LRCVT.org) or 802-730-3000.

## Tuesday, September 21

**THE MOMS IN RECOVERY** Support Program, tailored to support pregnant and parenting mothers and their families. In person, every Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Suite 2, Morrisville. Information: [crystal.morrissey@ncvrc.com](mailto:crystal.morrissey@ncvrc.com), 802-635-0084.

## Wednesday, September 22

**EAST HARDWICK GRANGE SUPPER,** a free meal for the community, Wednesdays, 5 - 6 p.m. Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St., East Hardwick. A curbside dinner for the whole family to enjoy. Information or delivery: [easthardwickgrange@gmail.com](mailto:easthardwickgrange@gmail.com) or 472-8987.

## Exhibits

**PARKER PIE GALLERY,** Vermont Green: paintings by Elizabeth Nelson, through Sept. 28. County Road, West Glover.

**“STILL LIFE, LIFE STILL”** art exhibition, through Oct. 15, Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Noon - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Outdoor Opening Reception: Sunday, Sept. 12, 4 - 6 p.m. Masks required inside the Gallery. Information: [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org), 802-533-2000.

To get your event listed free in our weekly events calendar, please e-mail: [news@hardwick-gazette.com](mailto:news@hardwick-gazette.com).



*courtesy photo*  
On October 23, Amythyst Kiah will play at NVU-Lyndon’s Alexander Twilight Theater.

### NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 VSA § 152, 153 relating to naming Vermont geographic locations, notice is hereby given that the Vermont Board of Libraries will hold a public hearing both virtually hosted by the Department of Libraries as well as in-person at the Department of Libraries at 60 Washington Street, Barre, Vermont, on Tuesday, October 12, at 10 a.m. to hear:

All interested parties in connection with the citizen petition filed to: Change the name of unnamed mountain located in Hardwick, County of Caledonia, Vt., at this location: Latitude: 44.5, Longitude: 72.382222 as “Buffalo Mountain.”  
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# “KCP Presents” Announces Return to Live Shows

ST. JOHNSBURY – The “KCP Presents” performing arts series is back with a 16-show season for 2021-22. Featuring music, dance, theater, comedy, and acrobatics, the upcoming “KCP Presents” line-up will bring artists from all over the world to the Northeast Kingdom.

The 2021 half of the season includes Aoife O'Donovan, Dorrance Dance, Amythyst Kiah, Shake & Holla, Boston Brass, and Momix. The new year will bring Paula Poundstone, “Baldwin and Buckley at Cambridge” by the Obie-winning Elevator Service Repair Theater Company, the Polish Baltic Philharmonic Orchestra, A Tribute to Aretha Franklin, Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy, Peking Acrobats, Mardi Gras Mambo, The Queen’s Cartoonists, and Stile Antico.

The season opens Friday, Sept. 24, at Lyndon Institute with Grammy award-winning songwriter and musician Aoife O'Donovan. O'Donovan has released three solo albums, is co-founder of the bands I'm With Her and Crooked Still, is the featured vocalist on “The Goat Rodeo Sessions” with Yo-Yo Ma, Stuart Duncan, Edgar Meyer, and Chris Thile, and spent a decade contributing to the radio variety shows “Live from Here” and “A Prairie Home Companion.”

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, Dorrance Dance performs at Lyndon Institute. Dorrance Dance explores movement and music through tap dancing. Founded in 2011 by artistic director and 2015 MacArthur Fellow Michelle Dorrance, the company shares the range that tap dance has to offer.

Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Amythyst Kiah will

play NVU-Lyndon’s Alexander Twilight Theater on Saturday, Oct. 23. Kiah represents the alt-rock and the roots/old-time/country music scene, including as a member of Our Native Daughters with Rhiannon Giddens, Allison Russell and Leyla McCalla. Their performance of Kiah’s “Black Myself” earned a Grammy nomination for Best American Roots Song and won Song of the Year at the Folk Alliance International Awards.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Shake & Holla will bring Mississippi “hill country” blues and the sounds of New Orleans brass to St. Johnsbury Academy’s Fuller Hall. Touring together for the first time, the Grammy-nominated and Blues Music Award-winning North Mississippi All-Stars will be joined by the Rebirth Brass Band in a merging of two great southern musical traditions.

The Boston Brass will play a special holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Peacham Congregational Church in historic Peacham Village. The all-brass ensemble features trumpets, French horns, trombones, and tuba, and will perform holiday classics.

MOMIX celebrates its fortieth anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 5, at Lyndon Institute. Transporting audiences from everyday life to a fantasy world through trademark use of magical lighting and imagery, MOMIX has thrilled fans in over 22 countries and has been featured on stage, screen, and television. Artistic director and Lyndon Institute graduate Moses Pendleton combines dance, music, costumes, props, and talent to create a multimedia experience.

The New Year brings an additional nine KCP Presents shows, beginning with two Paula Pound-

stone dates in January and ending with Stile Antico in April. To learn more about the entire 2021-22 KCP Presents Performance Series season, to buy season passes or

show tickets, or to learn more about the KCP Presents COVID-19 safety policy, please visit [catamountarts.org](https://catamountarts.org) or [kcppresents.org](https://kcppresents.org) or call (802) 748-2600.



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On September 24, songwriter and musician Aoife O'Donovan will perform at Lyndon Institute.

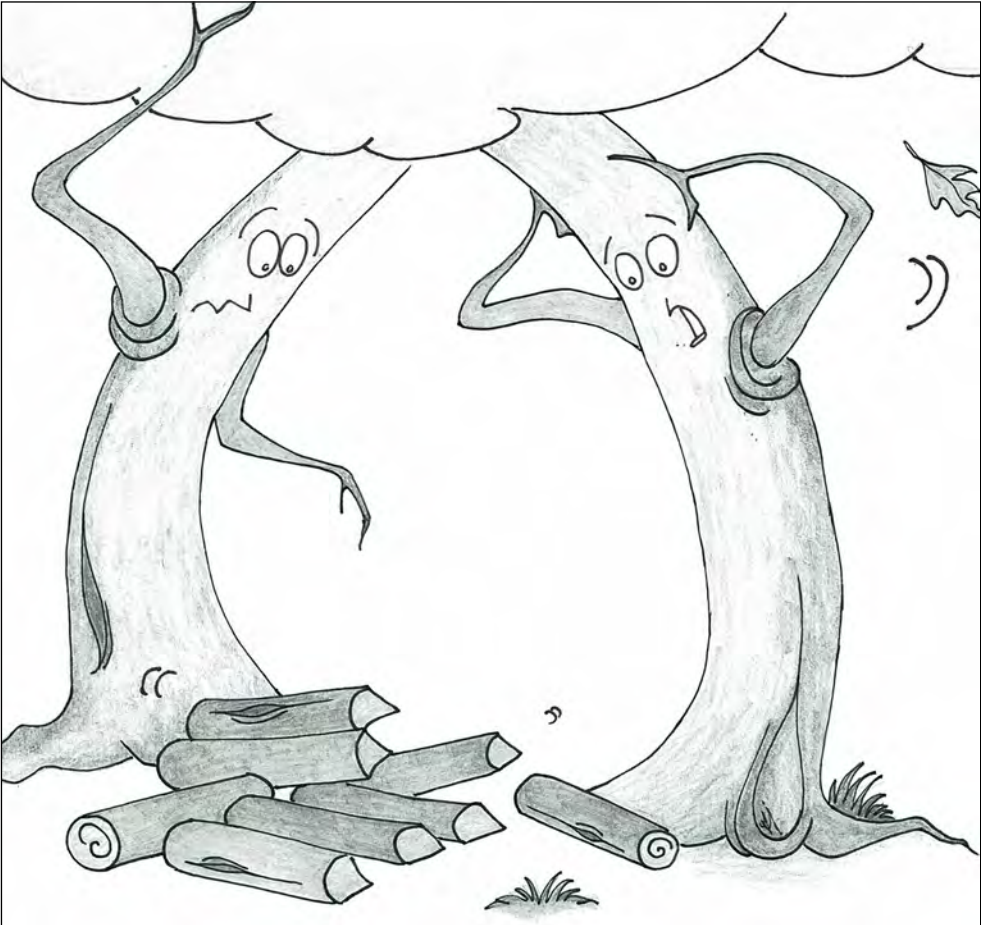


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MOMIX performs at Lyndon Institute on December 4, as part of the “KCP Presents” series.



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Dorrance Dance explores movement and music through tap dancing on October 5 at Lyndon Institute.

## Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



“THAT WAS MY COUSIN!”



# IN THE GARDEN

## Make Your Own Compost to Build Better Soils

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Most gardeners do some composting. Some folks compost anything that once was part of a living plant, often mixing it with barnyard waste; they turn and aerate their piles and make terrific compost in record time. Others are lazy composters who just throw kitchen scraps or weeds in a pile and let it slowly decompose over time, allowing it to gradually decompose. I'm a lazy composter. I have too much to do in the garden to take the temperature of my compost pile (though I have, actually) or check it weekly for moisture content – let alone turning it regularly.

Let's look at the basics: organic matter – leaves, weeds, moldy broccoli or cow manure – is digested by bacteria and fungi. These microorganisms exist in

down the leaves to get in as many as possible. Each time we empty our five-gallon bucket of kitchen scraps into the bin, we take some leaves and add them on top. This adds carbon to the pile and helps a little to keep flies from finding the goodies. These leaves are certainly not in the ratio of carbon to nitrogen we need for the fastest composting, but it helps. We count on the kitchen scraps to have some carbon, too.

For weeds, we just pile them up and let them decompose over time. We suffer from an infestation of goutweed, a noxious invasive. We try to keep any goutweed out of piles that will eventually be used for compost as even a scrap of root can start a new place for it to grow. Other invasives we do not have but would separate if we had them include Japanese knotweed and black swallow wort. In fact,



*Planting with compost invigorates plants nicely.*

seeds may be tougher, of course. And it is tough to get an entire compost pile hot at the same time.

So how do you get your compost to heat up? You need to layer green (Nitrogen-containing) and brown (Carbon-based) materials. The key is the nitrogen layer. Fresh grass cuttings are high in nitrogen and easily collected with a bagger. Mix them in your compost pile, and it will heat up. Poultry manure, or any manure is also high in nitrogen and will heat up your pile if mixed in. Compost thermometers look like meat thermometers with a longer probe and are sold at garden centers or online.

Moisture level is important for making compost. The pile should be neither dry nor soggy. A handful should feel about as moist as a squeezed-out sponge. I place tree branches underneath a new compost pile to help with drainage. Never put a pile where a roof dumps water.

Your compost should be well aerated. You want aerobic decom-

position. Some gardeners turn and fluff their compost regularly, which will help with that.

I add compost to the planting holes for my tomatoes and kale, and work some in for everything, in fact. Why? Because even though I have great soil, compost gets oxidized, breaks down, and gets used up. Plants extract minerals from it. Beneficial bacteria and fungi use it to build their bodies. I try to keep my soil fluffy – roots do better in soil that is loose and aerated – and compost helps me to create that most desirable of soils: a nice loam.

Even though I make compost, I also buy it by the truckload. It is available from farms, garden centers and others. Ask for hot-processed, aged compost to avoid weeds.

There are no poor gardeners, just poor soil. Add compost, and perhaps a little organic fertilizer and you will have a “green thumb.” It takes time to make compost and build soils, which is why you should start now!



*Simple compost bins made of pallets allow old compost to age, and new materials to be added.*

amazing numbers in biologically active soil or compost. But for them to multiply and breakdown organic matter they need a good supply of materials containing lots of carbon and a little bit of nitrogen. Both are needed to build cell walls of the little critters and the proteins and oils in their bodies.

Scientists tell us that by weight, your compost pile should be 25 or 30 pounds of material containing carbon for one pound of nitrogen. Carbon-containing materials include dry grass or leaves, straw and, in general, brown materials. Nitrogen-containing things are also referred to as “green” materials – fresh grass clippings, weeds, and household kitchen waste. Just to confuse you, all manures – which are brown – are also full of nitrogen.

We keep a 55-gallon drum of dry leaves next to our compost bin. We fill it in the fall and pack

anything invasive should not go in any compost pile you hope to use later.

What else should stay out of compost piles? Meat scraps, oils and fat, dog and cat feces. Shredded newspapers and office paper can be used in compost piles – they are carbon-based, and their inks now are made from soy products. Shiny color inserts and magazines I avoid using. If you add shredded paper to your compost pile, mix it in well: thick layers will not decompose easily.

What about weed seeds in compost causing problems when you use your homemade compost? Ideally, if you are doing everything right, your compost pile will heat up enough for a few days to kill the weed seeds. That means curing it for three days at 140 degrees F. I've done experiments using annual grass seed and a soil thermometer, and found that even day or two at 135 will kill those seeds. Weed



*Good compost is worth its weight in gold.*



# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## No One Was Happy



courtesy photo

Peeping out at the pushy Lab.

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – I should have known that Kiki wouldn’t stay in her little hatch in the rear deck of the kayak, even though I’d thoughtfully padded it with a big fluffy towel. As soon as we left the dock, I could feel her thrashing around back there, and then, out of the hatch, standing on the deck behind me, leaning against me. Her nose rested on my left shoulder. She was not happy.

I wasn’t, either. I didn’t fancy a dip in the Cocheco River, tame as it was downstream of Dover, especially with my wallet and vaccination card still in my hip pocket. So, I paddled over to the crew boat, where the producer and videographer were busy filming, said, “Here! You take her,” and paddled back to the middle of the river to resume my recorded conversation with Erik Frid, a competitive sculler who in his spearlike single shell was our subject of the day.

Everything was going just fine, when I heard an obviously urgent “Will!” I looked around, and spotted, swimming amazingly fast toward me, what appeared to be a beaver. Poor Kiki had succumbed to separation anxiety and was on her way to rejoin me.

There was no way I could take her aboard without flipping, so I paddled back to the crew boat and somebody there hoisted her out. “Watch out!” I cried. “She’s going to –” Too late. But they got her leash on her, and this time she stayed. The rest of the shoot passed uneventfully.

On our three-hour drive home, however, watching her doze in a coil beside me with her chin resting on the low console, I got thinking about the nature – and the wisdom, too – of an almost exclusive human-canine relationship.



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Kiki dozing on the desk.

Together almost around the clock, with very little outside stimulation – can it be healthy for either? We know each other’s moves and moods, and only rarely surprise each other. What happens if – actually, when – one of us is no longer there for the other?

As I sit here at my desk a few nights after Kiki’s aquatic display of please-don’t-leave-me-behind, she’s snoozing in a ginger-colored coil on a folded fleece throw about eight inches from my left elbow. I’m not sure she ever really sleeps; at least I’ve never caught her at it. She had a good supper. Now and then she sighs softly. In a little bit, she’ll get up. stretch, rotate, and lie down facing the other way. She’s a far cry from the lively person I shared so many years and stories and insights and obituaries with, but she’s all I’ve got now. And, now I think of it, I’m all she’s got.

I will be forever grateful to the long-ago Inuk, probably in Siberia, who looked out the front of his shelter, saw a gaunt, frowzy Arctic wolf staring at him from a distance (trust me; that’s what they do when you’re sitting down eating in the evening), said to himself, “That poor “amaroq” looks awful hungry,” and threw him a morsel. The wolf no doubt started away. But the morsel was gone by morning. And the next evening, even if miles farther on, the wolf was back.

It took two: the one inclined to compassion, and the other daring to trust. They started it. Consider the millions of permutations of that relationship ever since. Our two species have shared our food, our work, our problems, and our pleasures ever since. Our dogs are litmus tests of our character: They love us so unreservedly that we can do to them pretty much what we will. Some of us abuse that trust shamefully, even gruesomely; others prove themselves worthy of it.

I watch Kiki meeting new people. An irrepressible extravert, she cottons instantly to folks whom I later find I like. I watch them, too. Their reactions are like “tells” in a game of poker.

She’s little, and uses my bulk as a safe space. When I’m standing, she’s usually between my feet, scanning left and right; if I’m sitting, it’s in my lap (which, coincidentally, is often at the level of any available groceries). A couple of weeks ago, confronted by a very large and over-friendly chocolate Lab – I swear his head was the size of a soccer ball – she retreated behind where I was sitting and peeped cautiously out from under my arm.

So, we mog along together, she and I, toward an inevitable and unknown end, each of us ready to jump into the river if the other should happen to drift too far away.

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## LETTERS FROM READERS

### We Can Do Better

To the editor:

As a long time teacher in the local school system, I was discouraged and dismayed at the amount of ignorance in last week’s letter calling for the resignation/ firing of Jason Di Giulio. Among the freedoms we enjoy here in Vermont and in this great country is the

right to peacefully protest, even against our very own government. Another disturbing aspect of the letter was the lack of respect for the differences among individuals. Please, folks, Hardwick can do much better than that!

Ron Wiesen  
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# SPORTS



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Craftsbury Academy fielded its first complete girls' cross-country team Saturday at the Randolph Invitational. From left to right: Ruth Krebs, Daisy Roianov, Anika Leahy, Ava Purdy, and Rachel Bjerke.



photo by Jim Flint

Ruth Krebs leads a group of runners up the final hill at the Randolph Invitational, with one kilometer left in the race.

## Craftsbury Girls Field First Full Team

By Jim Flint

RANDOLPH CENTER – Craftsbury’s “Fab Five” beamed with pride Saturday morning at Vermont Technical College. For the first time ever, the Charger girls scored as a team at a cross country meet. Competing against Division I, II, and III schools, Craftsbury Academy placed eighth of 13 full teams and first among Division III schools at the Randolph Invitational.

The team score in cross country is determined by adding up the finish places for the first five runners on each team. The sixth and seventh runners on a team can also

influence the scoring by displacing scoring runners from other teams. The lowest team score wins.

A huge field of 175 girls competed in the 5k race. Harwood Union High School won the team competition with 31 points. The Charger girls scored 219 points between Division I Rutland High School (186 points) and Division II Mount Abraham (261 points).

Ninth-graders Anika Leahy (25th) and Ruth Krebs (31st) led the Craftsbury charge with personal best 5k times of 21:56 and 22:15. Sophomore Ava Purdy finished 67th in her first-ever meet. Her time was 24:25. Junior Rachel Bjerke was also in the top half of the

finishers, placing 80th in 24:25. Running in her first cross country meet, Sophomore Daisy Roianov came across the line in 28:05 to the cheers of her teammates.

Leahy, Krebs, and Bjerke kicked off the varsity season for Craftsbury on September 4 at the Essex Invitational. Leahy placed 45th in a field of 106 runners. Krebs and Bjerke finished 51st and 81st, respectively. After a year of running races without spectators, having a cheering crowd was a new dynamic for the team.

“Stay tuned,” said third-year head coach Mike Levangie. “Our Craftsbury Academy cross country women are making people pay attention.”

## Hazen Union Builds on Team Spirit

by Jim Flint

RANDOLPH CENTER – The Wildcats’ cross-country coach, Netdahe Stoddard, was all smiles Saturday as he encouraged Hazen Union and Craftsbury Academy runners at the Randolph Invitational. The two local teams shared the bus ride to Vermont Technical College, along with a tangible spirit of friendship and collaboration.



photo by Jim Flint

Sophomore Khamden Luangrath led the Hazen Union boys at the Randolph Invitational. He finished the 5k race in a personal best time of 22:57 to place 141st of 215 varsity runners.

The Royer sisters, Jessica and Cassandra, represented the Wildcats in the girls’ varsity race. Cassandra had her fastest time of the season on the challenging 5k course. The sophomore standout placed 50th in 23:28. Jessica, who is a senior, was close behind in 60th place. She set a new personal best 5k time of 24:08.

At the U-32 High School invitational on September 7, Cassandra placed seventh in 24:26. Jessica finished 17th in 24:47. At the Essex Invitational on September 4, Cassandra placed 62nd in 23:44. Jessica finished 73rd, in 25:01. Ella Considine placed 93rd for the Wildcats, in 28:30.

Three Wildcat varsity boys set personal-best marks at the Randolph Invitational. Sophomore Khamden Luangrath led the way for Hazen Union with a 22:57 finish in the 5k. Senior Carter Hill is also steadily improving with each race. He came across the finish line in 24:33. Sophomore Tobias Benson shaved four minutes off his previous fastest 5k time. He finished in 35:02.

Luangrath, Hill, and Benson are in their first year of varsity competition for the Wildcats. Luangrath ran cross country as an

eighth-grader. Hill transitioned this year from soccer to cross country. Benson is new to the sport. With each meet, the Wildcat boys gain endurance and confidence as runners.

Coach Stoddard has an ambitious schedule planned. The Wildcats traveled to Newport on Tuesday to run in the Kingdom Cup. On Saturday, Sept. 18, Hazen Union will compete at the U-32 Invitational, followed by a NVAC meet at Blue Mountain on September 21.

Hazen Union sophomore Cassandra Royer placed 50th of 175 varsity girls at the Randolph Invitational. She finished the 5k course in a season’s best time of 23:28.

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# SPORTS



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Craftsbury Academy’s boys’ cross-country squad placed fourth of 16 teams at the Randolph Invitational on Sept. 11. Alan Moody (back left), Alex Califano (back center), and Charlie Kehler (back right) ran in a tight pack for the Chargers, who are the defending D-III state champions.

## Craftsbury Boys Run Head-to-Head With D-I Teams

By Jim Flint

RANDOLPH CENTER – The sport of cross country traces its origins back to 19th century England and a game called “hares and hounds.” Cross country courses typically have short, steep hills, tight turns, and long straightaways. The terrain is often a varied mix of fields, roads, and forest paths.

The 5k cross country course at Vermont Technical College (VTC) holds true to the spirit of the sport. Runners start in an open field. The course then narrows to a footpath between two rows of trees.

Sections of the VTC course are paved, which makes spikes unfavorable, so most athletes use racing flats. Midway through the race, runners make a rectangular loop around an apple orchard. The ground is uneven and can be slippery, with four right-angle turns.

The boys’ varsity field for the Randolph Invitational included 215 runners. The thundering herd broke from the starting line at the sound of the horn.

The hares Evan Thornton-Sherman of St. Johnsbury Academy, Matthew Servin of Champlain Valley UHS, and Cormac Leahy of Craftsbury Academy separated quickly into the lead pack.

Adversity struck in the orchard. Running at a furious five-minute per mile pace, Leahy slipped on an apple hiding in the grass and twisted his knee. To avoid the possibility of further injury, he took himself out of the race. It was now up to the hounds of Craftsbury Academy to lead the Chargers forward.

“Watching their number-one man on the ground, the rest of the men took control and did the work needed to secure an amazing finish,” said Craftsbury’s head coach Mike Levangie.

Charlie Krebs took on the lead role in the chase pack. The Charger junior continues the process of reconditioning his legs and joints to running. He spent four weeks during July and August backpacking the length of the Long Trail with his sister, brother, and dad. He is also adapting to running in a six-foot frame.

“My stride is a lot longer now,” said Krebs. “When I was freshman, I could duck under the arms of the taller runners.”

Krebs finished the 5k course in 17:34 to secure 13th place. Charger sophomore Matt Califano was close behind in 15th place. He finished in 17:42.

Charlie Kehler was the third man for Craftsbury. He was also the fastest freshman boy in the race. His 5k time of 17:52 placed 18th and was a personal best.

“I’m enjoying running on a full boys’ team for the first time,” said Kehler. As a middle schooler, he competed for the Hazen Union Wildcats.

Craftsbury Academy sophomores Alex Califano and Leo Circosta and junior Alan Moody placed 28th, 31st, and 32nd, respectively. Their 5k times were 18:21, 18:34, and 18:35. Junior Linden Stelma-Leonard rounded out the Charger squad with a 60th-place finish, in 20:09.

Division I powerhouses Belows Free Academy (50 points) and Champlain Valley UHS (70 points) placed first and second in the team competition. St.

Johnsbury Academy placed third with 96 points. The Hilltoppers were led by Evan Thornton-Sherman, who won the boys’ race in 15:41.

The Craftsbury boys’ team placed fourth out of 16 complete squads. The defending D-III state champion Chargers scored 105 points. D-I Rutland High School was fifth with 131 points.

The Craftsbury boys opened their season on September 4 at the Essex Invitational. The varsity boys intentionally ran the first mile as a pack, before spreading out. Cormac Leahy led the Chargers with a ninth-place finish out of 129 runners. His time was 16:52.

Leahy was followed across the finish line at Essex by teammates Charlie Krebs (22nd, 17:47), Charlie Kehler (38th, 18:18), Alan Moody (57th, 19:06), Leo Circosta (63rd, 19:21), and Linden Stelma-Leonard (104th, 22:14).

“The team has a tough two-week training block in front of them, but they are clearly ready to continue their improvement,” said coach Levangie.



# SPORTS

## JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP



photo by Jim Flint  
Elizabeth McCarthy of Walden brought home the VSGA gold medal for the women's 65-69 age group.



photo by Jim Flint  
Donna Smyers, from Adamant, and Tim Hogeboom, from Walden, sprint toward the finish line at the Flying Pig 5k race on September 4. Smyers and Hogeboom were the VSGA silver medalists, respectively, for the F60-64 and M70-74 age groups.

### Seniors Soar at Flying Pig Race

NORTHFIELD – After a pandemic pause, area runners relished the return of the Flying Pig Race on September 4. Sponsored by Northfield Savings Bank, the forty-second annual event kicked off Northfield's traditional Labor Day weekend festivities. The 5k road race also served as the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) state championship race.

Seniors (age 50 and above) competed for VSGA gold, silver, and bronze medals. Medals were awarded to the top three male and female finishers within five-year age groups. Several senior athletes hailed from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette.

Elizabeth McCarthy, from Walden, earned the gold medal for the F65-69 age group. McCarthy's 5k time of 28:25 translated to an average pace of 9:09 per mile. Her husband, Tim Hogeboom, won the silver medal for the M70-74 age group.

Hogeboom averaged 7:55 per mile. He finished the 5k in 24:34. The gold medal runner for the

M70-74 age group was Burlington's Gordon McFarland, one of the founding members of the Vermont City Marathon. McFarland paced at 7:15 per mile to finish in the remarkable time (for his age) of 22:30.

Calais senior Mack Gardner-Morse earned a silver medal in the M60-64 age group. One mile into the race, Gardner-Morse paced stride for stride with Joel Thornton-Sherman, a seventh-grader at St. Johnsbury School. Joel's brother, Evan Thornton-Sherman, is among the top high school cross country runners in the state of Vermont.

Joel Thornton-Sherman finished the 5k in 20:46 and won the M0-19 age group. The F0-19 age group winner, McKenna Knapp, finished in 20:56. She is a sophomore cross country runner for Northfield High School. Gardner-Morse came across the finish line right behind the two youths. His time of 20:58 averaged to 6:45 per mile.

Donna Smyers (F60-65) and Dot Helling (F70-74) won silver medals. Their respective finish

times were 24:35 and 29:08. On August 29, the rugged Adamant runners topped their age groups at the Mount Mansfield Race to the Top. They not only raced up the 4.3-mile Toll Road, but due to COVID-19 restrictions (no shuttle buses), they also ran back down the mountain.

Ava Whitcomb of Marshfield brought home a bronze medal in the F50-54 age group. Her time was 24:45, which averaged to 7:58 per mile. Manny Sainz of Marshfield placed fourth in the M65-69 age group. His time was 26:07.

Seth Jackson (17:08) and Meg Valentine (20:27) were the overall top male and female finishers in the 5k race. Brandon Godfrey (6:40) and Bailey Chamberlain (8:04) were the boys' and girls' champions in the NSB Kids Mile Race.

#### Elmore 5k Race Draws Big Field

ELMORE – The Second Annual Elmore 5k Run/Walk was also held on September 4. The mostly flat, out-and-back course started at the Elmore town garage and proceeded along Beach Road past

the Elmore State Park and back to Vermont Route 12. Participants included 91 women and girls and 63 men and boys.

Etan Levavi, from Cold Spring, New York won the race in 16:52. A trio of Wolcott runners, Raymond Boutin, Christopher Trajkovski, and Mark Isselhardt, placed third, fourth, and sixth. Their respective times were 19:12, 19:23, and 20:49.

Linnae Horan, from Waterbury, was the fastest female runner. Her time was 20:46. Rose Modry, from Greensboro, placed fourth in 22:50. Wolcott's top female finishers included Hannah McCarty (27:57), Roberta Pitkin (30:46), and Samantha Trajkovski (33:55).

#### Genny Tenny Returns Sept. 19

CRAFTSBURY – The Genny Tenny, a 10-mile mostly dirt road run, returns on Sunday, Sept. 19. Runners will toe the starting line at 10 a.m., in Craftsbury Village, in front of the Craftsbury General Store. The hilly course winds

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its way to Albany Village via Creek Road, Page Pond Road, Pitkin Road, Center Road, and Water Street. The finish line is at the Albany General Store, which opened in the spring. A picnic, celebration, and awards will follow the race.

The third annual Genny Tenny event is sponsored by the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and the Craftsbury General Store. Funds raised support the Albany Community Trust, the nonprofit organization which oversees the Albany General Store.

Online registration and race details are posted at [craftsbury.com/running/races/genny-tenny](https://craftsbury.com/running/races/genny-tenny). Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17. Registration is online only. When registering, runners can sign up for a pre-race shuttle from Albany Village to Craftsbury Village.

**Sodom Pond Run Around Sept. 22**

ADAMANT – Central Vermont Runners hosts the annual race around Sodom Pond on Wednesday, Sept. 22, beginning at 6 p.m. The four-mile dirt-road course starts in front of the Adamant Co-op. Online registration closes on September 19. Day of race registration is available. Race information is available at [cvrunners.org](https://cvrunners.org).



photo by Jim Flint  
Ava Whitcomb of Marshfield earned the VSGA bronze medal for the women's 50-54 age group.



photo by Jim Flint  
Mack Gardner-Morse, from Calais, chases Joel Thornton-Sherman of Waterford down Central Street in Northfield at the Flying Pig 5k race. Gardner-Morse won the VSGA silver medal for the men's 60-64 age group. Thornton-Sherman was the fastest male finisher for the 19 and under age group.



photo by Jim Flint  
Dot Helling (far right), from Adamant, leads a pack of runners up the hill at the start of the Flying Pig 5k race on September 4. Helling was the Vermont Senior Games Association silver medal winner for the women's 70-74 age group.



# SPORTS

## Trojans Roll to Third Straight Win

by Ken Brown

BRADFORD – The Twinfield-Cabot boys’ soccer team blanked Oxbow on the road and edged Blue Mountain at home last week to stay perfect on the season at 3-0.

Meles Gouge and Brody Moran each recorded a hat-trick to lead the Trojans to a dominant 8-0 road win over Oxbow last Wednesday. Lucas Roberts added a beautiful back post header off a cross from Gouge and Liam Lyman-Leas chipped in with his first goal of the season. Twinfield-Cabot’s defense was outstanding in holding the Olympians to just a handful of shots and Neil Alexander denied two Oxbow breakaways to record his second straight shutout.

“The boys’ play in the back was excellent and Neil made a couple of impressive stops to keep our momentum going. Offensively, we did a good job of controlling possession and we manufactured many quality scoring chances and finished,” said head coach Peter Stratman.

Meles Gouge buried a feed from Lucas Roberts late in the second half to complete a 3-2 comeback

win at home over Blue Mountain on Saturday. Cooper Bernatchy finished off a corner kick from Gouge seven minutes into the match to give the Trojans an early 1-0 lead. Kasan Blood converted a header three minutes later to give the Bucks the equalizer and Kristofer Fennimore beat Alexander on another header midway through the first half for a 2-1 advantage. Alec Moran returned from an early season injury for Twinfield-Cabot and evened the match at 2-2 off a blast midway through the second half (eighth-grader Eli Russel assisted), setting up Gouge’s heroics for his eighth goal of the season in just three matches. Neil Alexander made five stops for the Trojans in the win.

“We were missing a couple of starters and pulled up three eighth-graders for the match and they fit in beautifully, played awesome, and worked hard to help the team with some much-needed depth. Blue Mountain is fast, aggressive, and physical and we just were not as sharp as we were in our first two matches. The boys put together several impressive scoring opportunities in the first half, but we had trouble finding the back of



photo by Doug McClure  
Twinfield-Cabot’s Brody Moran challenges Blue Mountain’s Cedric Schaefer as Alec Moran (#15), Cooper Bernatchy (#14), and goalie Neil Alexander look on. The other Blue Mountain player (#11) is Kirstofer Fennimore.

the net. The second half was mostly back and forth, but we capitalized on our opportunities and gutted out a nice win and Neil was awesome again in net for us,” said

Stratman.  
Twinfield-Cabot will get some much-needed rest this week before hosting Christ Covenant at Plainfield on Friday.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Meles Gouge (left) of Twinfield/Cabot sets to drive the ball toward goal past Blue Mountain’s John Dennis Saturday at Cabot. Twinfield/Cabot won 3-2.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Henry Sipples (left) of St. Johnsbury and Thor Magnus (right) of Peacham are ready to start the 8th Annual Cabot Ride the Ridges 60K (36 miles) ride Sunday. The ride includes 5,000 feet of elevation gain.



# SPORTS

## Lady Chargers Notch First Win

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Crafts-bury Academy (CA) girls’ soccer team ran away from Winooski in the second half before falling to Twin-field-Cabot later in the week to im-prove to 1-2 on the season.

Ida Eames scored twice and as-sisted on another to lead the Lady Chargers past Winooski 4-1 at home last Tuesday. Sadie Skorstad buried a feed from Eames twenty-five min-utes into the first half to give CA the early lead before the Lady Spar-tans found the equalizer just before halftime. Maggie Royer fed Eames midway through the second half to make it 2-1 and Sophia Augsberger fed Eames again a minute later for a two-goal cushion. Amelia Eagan found the back of the net unassisted with ten minutes left to leave no doubt in the outcome. Rachel Bailey made 10 stops for CA in the win.

“We had some really good practices after a Stowe match that could’ve really gotten the girls down, but they came out with a lot of en-ergy and set the tone early. We were pretty evenly matched, but the girls’ kept the pressure on in the second half and created and finished some nice scoring chances. It felt great to see the girls’ get their first win of the season,” said head coach Tom Silva.

Nicole Gouge, Aiden Paige, and Alice McLaine all found the back of the net for Twinfield/Cabot as they blanked the Lady Chargers at home

on Friday, 3-0. Ida Astick made six saves in her varsity debut to earn the shutout as the Lady Trojans im-proved to 1-2 on the season. Rachel Bailey was solid again in net for CA making 12 stops in the loss.

“Unfortunately, we had some bus issues and arrived to the match later than planned and the girls didn’t have the same routine they are used to and we just came out flat in the first half. Our effort in the second half was much better and we created some nice chances, but their defense real-ly stepped up and turned away some good opportunities. They are an ex-tremely physical team and I’m proud of how our girls kept their composure, conducted themselves with pride, and fought until the end,” said Silva.

The Craftsbury youth soccer program kicked off this week, draw-ing over 70 children from the first grade to the junior high level into the game of soccer. New fields were built in the last few months and Silva is optimistic the program will serve CA’s varsity soccer programs well for years to come.

“We were floored to see how many kids signed up and we’re ex-cited to see where the youth program goes. It’s taken a lot of work from a lot of people, but this community sup-ports soccer really well and I think the future is bright,” said Silva.

The Lady Chargers travel to Richford on Wednesday and will stay on the road to face Winooski on Sat-urday afternoon.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Cabot/Twinfield sophomore Camryn Hoffman (right) heads for the ball as Ida Eames (left), of Craftsbury, defends at Twinfield Friday. In the back at right is Aleacya Moshinskie. Twinfield took the victory 3-0.



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Amelia Eagan (#7) of Craftsbury traps the ball as Twinfield/Cabot player Nicole Gouge (right) follows the play Sept. 10 at Twinfield. Twinfield prevailed 3-0.

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## Wildcats Outlast Bullets in Home Opener

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union boys’ soccer team made first year head coach Allison Paradee’s debut a success with a win over BFA-Fairfax last week before falling to Division II power Harwood in their first taste of the rugged Capital Division.

Tyson Davison scored two goals to lead the Wildcats to a 3-1 home win over BFA-Fairfax last Wednesday in both team’s season opener. The Bullets took a 1-0 lead into the break before Davison found the equalizer and the eventual game winner early in the second half. Reed Kehler added an insurance goal and Lincoln Michaud and Ryker Willett led a strong effort by the Wildcat defense. Tyler Rivard had a strong debut in net, turning away several scoring opportunities by the Bullets.

“Our defense was strong led by Ryker and Lincoln in the back-end and their communication allowed our wingbacks to rotate really well for most of the match. Tyler had a great first game in net, putting his body on the line and giving 110% all the time. We had lost to them last week in a scrimmage, so it was satisfying to beat them in our opener, but a little bit of rivalry between the two teams has created a lot of negative energy that we need to do a better job of

getting away from,” said Paradee.

Zach Smith, Jack Birmingham, and Nicolas Moran scored a goal apiece to lead Harwood to a 3-0 home win over Hazen Union on Friday. Smith gave the Highlanders a 1-0 lead entering the break, Birmingham made it 2-0 on a penalty kick midway through the second half, before Moran added an unassisted insurance goal late. Liam Combs made two saves to secure the shutout as Harwood owned a 16-2 advantage in shots on goal.

“They are a high-quality Division II team, but the fight our boys showed was impressive and I didn’t think the divide was that great between our two teams. Their third goal was legitimate, but the first two could’ve been prevented. It was a high-energy environment to play in and I’m really proud of how well we competed in our first road game in the Capital Division. We have a challenging schedule ahead of us, but I like our chances of being able to compete with these teams and we’ll just need to balance hard work and rest going forward so we can stay healthy as a team. We’ll continue to try and come together and improve to better athletes, sportsmen, and have fun,” said Paradee.

The Wildcats hosted U-32 on Tuesday and are scheduled to host North Country on Friday.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Hazen junior Cody Trudeau (left) advances the ball up Hudson Field as James Benjamin (right) of BFA Fairfax follows. Hazen defeated Fairfax 3-1.



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Hazen sophomore Fenton Meyer (right) aims to steal the ball from Nick Badger (left) of BFA Fairfax Sept. 8 on Hudson Field. Hazen outscored their opponents 3-1.

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## Lady Cats Looking for First Win

by Ken Brown

WELLS RIVER – The Hazen Union girls’ soccer team dropped a heartbreaker to Blue Mountain earlier in the week before struggling in a mismatch with Division III BFA-Fairfax to fall to 0-3 on the season.

Jordan Alley scored unassisted for her third goal of the match early in the first overtime to lead Blue Mountain to a 3-2 home win over the Lady Cats last Tuesday. Alley found the back of the net five minutes into the first half off a pass from Karli Blood to make it 1-0. Sophomore Tessa Luther buried a feed from Caitlyn

Davison five minutes later to even the match. Alley struck again late in the second half before Alexis Christensen sent the game into overtime unassisted with two and a half minutes left in regulation. Freshman Madeline Kaiser was brilliant in the loss, making 25 saves on the day. Emma Gray stopped nine shots in the win as the Lady Bucks improved to 2-1 on the season.

“They are a very strong and deep team and dominated possession, but the girls fought their way back in the match and our defense did a great job of giving us a chance to counter-attack,” said head coach Harry

Besett. “Tessa has really come into her own as a sophomore, she has great composure, makes great runs and finishes, and her work ethic makes her extremely coachable,” added Besett.

BFA-Fairfax continued their early domination of the 2021 season with an 8-0 blanking of the Lady Cats at home on Saturday. They sit atop the Division III standings after beating Vergennes and Hazen Union by a combined score of 14-1 and appear to be poised for a deep playoff run in October.

“We are just a smaller, young team compared to their roster and they are an excellent Division III

program. Our lack of depth has hurt us so far, but I’m proud of how the girls continued to work hard in the second half and never gave up. I think we’ll add depth as we get into the meat of our schedule, and we’ll continue to settle into our assignments and get into a rhythm. I’m very optimistic with the young talent we have on this team, and we’ll continue to build into the strong and competitive squad that we want to be by season’s end,” said Besett.

Hazen Union hosted Peoples Academy on Monday and will be off the rest of the week before welcoming Enosburg to town next Tuesday.

## Enosburg Handles Chargers in Tough Challenge

by Ken Brown

ENOSBURG – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) boys’ soccer team had a tough ask last week in traveling to Division

III powerhouse Enosburg as the Hornets blanked the Chargers, dropping them to 0-2 on the season.

Levi Webb scored a hattrick and added an assist as Enosburg

stayed perfect on the season with a dominant 7-0 home win over the Chargers last Thursday. Shea Howrigan, Ian Ross, Danny Antillon, and Foster Hutchins led a balanced scoring attack with a goal apiece and Jake Boucher, Peter Steibris, and Blair Archambault combined for four assists in the win.

“They start nine seniors and two juniors with seven substitutes and they are a really good Division III team. We lost the match, but each and every one of our players gave everything they could. Dylan Washer and Cole VanWinkle and our entire back end were swamped by eight rushing offensive players who were bigger and stronger, and our defense showed and incredible amount of effort and bravery all match. Dalton Gravel and Grayson VanWinkle and our entire midfield were outnumbered and overrun, but they battled valiantly, and I was so pleased with all of the boys’ effort,” said

head coach Sam Jay.

Enosburg has also beaten two Division II opponents this season on their way to a 3-0 record and have outscored their opposition by a combined score of 18-0. They made it to the Division III Final Four last season and look to be on their way back there this fall as they sit atop of their division. CA’s Jas Zendik return to net has been a bright spot for Jay’s young squad and was stellar again in defeat, earning the praise of the opposition and their coaches.

“Jas was incredible again making save after save with relentless pressure on our defense. Enosburg’s players were in awe at times and their coaches wanted to know more about him after the match and if he’s going to continue to play after high school,” added Jay.

The Chargers returned to divisional play this week as they hosted Blue Mountain on Tuesday and will travel to Danville on Saturday afternoon.

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## A Pair of Aces and Growing Interest for Hazen Union Golf Team

by Ken Brown

GREENSBORO – Head coach Jason McArthur has two full-time players this season and six moonlighting soccer players as he continues to grow the Hazen Union varsity golf team.

Andrew Menard joins MacArthur’s squad this season, adding to his already impressive resume as a multi-sport athlete. Menard played hockey for Lyndon Institute last winter and shined on the mound for a highly successful Hazen Union baseball team that reached the Division III Final Four last spring.

Aasha Gould was also part of Hazen Union’s baseball run for head coach Spencer Howard last spring and will be a full-time golfer this fall before taking the hardwood for the Wildcats

and Coach Hill this winter. Jadon Baker, Tyler Rivard, Tyson Davison, Fenton Meyer, Xavier Hill, and Eliot Resendahl round out the team, with Baker being the only one on the team with varsity match experience.

“A majority of the guys have played a lot this past summer and have seen their scores improving. Matches are always a little tougher, but I’m looking forward to seeing how they compete. I’ve seen a lot of potential in them already. It’s great to have so many players to work with this season and we hope to have a chance to qualify for sectionals later this fall,” said MacArthur.

Hazen Union had its first match against Peoples Academy on Friday, but Gould had a very special week of practice leading up to the

start of the season. He recorded his first career hole-in-one at Mountain View Country Club on Wednesday and followed that up with his second ace of the par-three fifth hole on Thursday. Gould shot a 51 on Friday and Menard shot a 50 in what was the first varsity golf match for both players.

“What Aasha did in practice last week was something I had never heard of happening before. Andrew and Aasha had a couple of bad holes on Friday, but they did a nice job of recovering in their first match of the season,” said MacArthur.

Hazen Union hosted its first match of the season on Monday at Mountain View Country Club in Greensboro and is scheduled to travel to Northfield on Wednesday.

## Twinfield-Cabot Girls Blank Chargers for First Win

by Ken Brown

WELLS RIVER – The Twinfield-Cabot girls’ soccer team fell to a tough Division III Northfield-Williamstown team last week before rebounding with their first win of the season against Craftsbury Academy.

Northfield-Williamstown followed up a four-goal first half performance with five more in the second half in a decisive 9-0 home win over the Lady Trojans last Wednesday. They sit atop the Division III standings after upsetting Peoples

Academy in their season opener and outscoring their opponents 12-2 on the season.

“They are just loaded with good athletes from both schools. They are smartly coached and well organized. We knew it was going to be a challenge going into the match, but they just played harder than us, we let in a couple easy early goals, and it was like we didn’t get off the bus. It was disappointing and will be a learning experience for us as we approach playing really good teams,” said head coach Seth Wilmott.

The Lady Trojans bounced

back on Friday with a 3-0 home win against Craftsbury Academy behind a balanced scoring attack. Senior captain Nicole Gouge scored early in the first half, with Aiden Paige and junior captain Alice McLaine adding insurance goals in each half. Freshman Ida Astick made six saves to earn the shutout in her first varsity start in net.

“We knew they were coming off a nice win earlier in the week, so it was nice to see the girls rebound and come out with a lot of focus and energy. We did some nice things offensively and Ida showed off some

nice hands and good athleticism in her first start in goal. We knew the beginning of our schedule was going to be challenging, but we got through it and we should be a little more battle tested going forward. We have a lot of potential to grow into a very good team as the season progresses. We just have to keep working at improving on our fundamentals and calm our nerves a little more against better teams,” said Wilmott.

Twinfield-Cabot will host crosstown rival Danville on Thursday before traveling to Enosburg on Monday.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>Wednesday, Sept. 15</b> 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls’ soccer at Richford.	<b>Tuesday Sept. 21</b> 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union girls’ soccer at Fairfax. 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls’ soccer vs. Oxbow, at Craftsbury.	<b>Tuesday, Sept. 28</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys’ soccer vs. Christ Covenant at Cabot. 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boy’s soccer vs. Randolph, at Hazen Union.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 16</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield girls’ soccer vs. Danville, at Twinfield.	<b>Wednesday, Sept. 22</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys’ soccer at Craftsbury. 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boy’s soccer at Thetford. 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys’ soccer vs. Twinfield, at Craftsbury.	<b>Wenesday, Sept. 29</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield girls’ soccer vs. Blue Mountain at Twinfield. 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls’ soccer vs. Danville, at Craftsbury. 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union girls’ soccer vs. Fairfax, at Hazen Union.
<b>Friday, Sept. 17</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys’ soccer vs. Christ. Covenant at Twinfield. 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boy’s soccer vs. North Country, at Hazen Union. 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys’ soccer vs. Danville, at Craftsbury.	<b>Friday, Sept. 24</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield girls’ soccer at BFA. 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys’ soccer at Oxbow. 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union girl’s soccer at Oxbow.	<b>Friday, Oct. 1</b> 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boys’ soccer at Lamoille.
<b>Saturday, Sept. 18</b> 2 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls’ soccer at Winooski.	<b>Saturday, Sept. 25</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys’ soccer at Danville. 11 am., Craftsbury Academy girls’ soccer at Burke. 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys’ soccer vs. Enoburg, at Craftsbury. 4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boy’s soccer at Montpelier.	<b>Saturday, Oct. 2</b> 3 p.m., Hazen Union girls’ soccer at Danville. 3 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls’ soccer vs. Richford, at Craftsbury.
<b>Monday, Sept. 20</b> 4:30 p.m., Twinfield girls’ soccer vs. Enosburg, at Hazen Union. 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys’ soccer vs. Oxbow, at Craftsbury.		<b>Tuesday, Oct. 5</b> 4 p.m., Hazen Union girls’ soccer vs. Winooski, at Hazen Union.